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Statement by Congressman Akin Regarding the Anniversary of the September 11 Terrorist Attacks

Washington, D.C.- President Bush has proclaimed September 11 Patriot Day in remembrance of those who perished in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2002. Congressman Akin has issued the following statement:

“As we mark the first observance of Patriot Day, we pause to honor those who perished in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. The heroism of police, firefighters, military personnel and citizens in responding to the attacks serve as a tribute to the spirit of our great nation. Initially, Americans were shocked by the attacks, but responded with great compassion, unity and resolve.

“Moreover, this is also a day to remember the sacrifices of our men and women in uniform as they fight the war against terrorism. It can no longer be doubted that our country has enemies willing to go to any length to kill as many innocent Americans as possible. Our efforts in Afghanistan have struck a blow to the al-Qaida network, and have helped to make Americans more secure at home.

“In remembrance of those who lost their lives in the attacks of last September, we should, as a nation, renew our resolve to bring to justice those responsible for the terrorist attacks, renew our vigilance against future attacks and extend our prayers for those who lost loved ones in last year’s historic tragedy.”